

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>
I	1-6, 8, and 11-24	Drawn to a cartridge device for analyzing blood
II	25, 26, and 28	Drawn to a cartridge device for analyzing blood
III	29 and 30	Drawn to a method for analyzing blood

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-6, 8, 11-20, and 22-24, for prosecution at this time. Although the Office Action includes claim 21 in this group, it is noted that claim 21 has been cancelled by a prior amendment. Accordingly, Applicants hereby withdraw non-elected claims 25, 26, and 28-30 while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on these claims.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 11-20, 22-26, and 28-30 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1-6, 8, 11-20, 22-26, and 28-30 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, 8, 11-20, and 22-24, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

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CONCLUSION

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

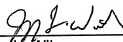
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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